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Dear colleagues and friends,

We are very happy to welcome you in Lyon for the 19th ECO meeting. As you might know, Lyon is one of the world’s capitals of cuisine. We therefore paid special attention to establish a convivial congress atmosphere. You will enjoy the convention centre located between the river Rhône and the beautiful ‘Parc de la tête d’or’ with its rose gardens and its lake, not far from the city centre. And you will be able to enjoy the French cuisine as we give special care to the catering and festive moments.

However, most important is of course science and scientific exchange. The scientific committee is pleased to present you a comprehensive programme able to satisfy the most demanding audience. Even though the obesity research community is focused on one single objective, there are many different approaches to conquer this major global health problem; that is why it is so rich and innovative. With this in mind, we tried both to respect the specific characteristics of each discipline but also to initiate dialogues between them. Moreover, we are pleased to welcome many symposia from ‘sister’ associations such as the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD), the European Society of Hypertension (ESH), the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO) and the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) as well as many industry-supported sessions. We will have 2 full days and 2 half days with plenary, review and oral sessions, most of the time with 4 parallel sessions; so the choice will be difficult.

Nevertheless, we hope that you will also spare some time to visit our nice city of Lyon and to discover Lyon’s charms: the river’s atmosphere, its renowned cuisine and its numerous attractions.

Welcome all and enjoy

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